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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate John "Sam" Vancil
4 on his retirement from the DuQuoin Community Unit School
5 District #300 Board of Education; and

6 WHEREAS, Sam Vancil is the longest, continuous School Board
7 member in the State of Illinois, and served the DuQuoin
8 community for 58 years; he organized the Sunfield Grade School
9 District Board in 1958, which consolidated into the DuQuoin
10 District #300 School Board in 1968; he served in many
11 positions, including President, Vice President, and Secretary;
12 he retired on June 1, 2017; and

13 WHEREAS, Sam Vancil was born on a homestead in Sunfield to
14 Miles and Annabelle Vancil on June 21, 1931; one of three boys,
15 he attended Sunfield Grade School and graduated from DuQuoin
16 High School; he served as a radar technician in the United
17 States Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Texas
18 and Washington; and

19 WHEREAS, Sam Vancil married Dorothy Elaine Timpner on
20 August 9, 1952, and they recently celebrated their 65th wedding
21 anniversary; they have five children, Deborah, David, Dennis,
22 Darryl, and Denise, nine grandchildren, and 16

1 great-grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, After his military service, Sam Vancil took over a
3 farming operation from his uncles; he worked as a shovel
4 operator at Burning Star #2 for 37 years; he then accepted a
5 position with the Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals,
6 where he served as Assistant Director until his retirement 12
7 years later; and

8 WHEREAS, Sam Vancil played an instrumental role in the
9 construction of the District's new K-8 School complex in 1999
10 and the new DuQuoin High School, which was completed in 2012;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Sam Vancil is an active member of the Sunfield
13 United Methodist Church, where he is a member of the choir, a
14 Chairperson on the Church Council, and a Sunday School teacher;
15 he helped complete the capital project, which raised money to
16 build a new church, fellowship hall, and parsonage; therefore,
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
19 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 congratulate John "Sam" Vancil on his retirement from the
21 DuQuoin Community Unit School District #300 Board of Education
22 and we recognize his strong commitment to the Sunfield and

1 DuQuoin communities, his decades of hard work, and his
2 dedication to the to the future generations of Illinois; and be
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to Sam Vancil as an expression of our esteem and
6 respect.